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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
Koji HASHIMOTO, et al. :
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FILED: March 15, 2002 :
FOR: DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACID ASSOCIATED WITH DISEASE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Communication dated November 29, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit herewith an amendment, Substitute Sequence Listing, and a substitute computer-readable Sequence Listing.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 105, after the last line, on the next page, please delete the Sequence Listing in its entirety, and insert the Substitute Sequence Listing attached hereto.

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending.

Contents of the paper copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing and the computer-readable Sequence Listing filed herewith are identical. Support for all the sequences listed in